## The Great Falls Job Service Employer Committee will be sponsoring two "Lunch and Learn Brown Bag" sessions addressing workplace safety.

They are at no cost to you!!!

Where: Great Falls Job Service, 1018 7<sup>th</sup> St S, first floor conference room

Time: 12 noon to 1:00

Sign-Up: Call or e-mail—Jerry, 791-5804, <u>ikenik@mt.gov</u>

Barb, 791-5816, bhardy@mt.gov

Seating limited to 30 participants

## **PRESENTOR**

Fred Miller specialized in workers' compensation as a commercial insurance agent in Helena and Great Falls for Liberty Northwest and Western States. He also worked as a journalist in Lewistown, Havre, and Great Falls. He currently is a Safety Specialist with the Montana Safety Bureau, helping workers and businesses understand the importance of workplace safety and how to identify and eliminate workplace hazards. He has earned the Associate of Risk Management and Associate of Underwriting designations from the Insurance Institute of America.

## Thursday, June 26 -- "Profiting From Safety/Safety Writer"

Montana worker's compensation costs are among some of the nation's highest, but millions can be saved if more businesses improved their safety. "Profiting From Safety" shows specific steps businesses can take to contain work comp costs by creating a safe work environment. It includes a review of group-rated plans, and offers tips for further reductions in work comp premium.

Following the "Profiting From Safety" presentation, business owners wanting to download a safety plan will be introduced to the Safety Writer program. This is a free online tool that allows businesses to download a written safety plan. Having a written safety plan will help reduce workplace injuries, improve productivity and grow the bottom line. Those interested may want to bring a wireless-capable laptop computer with them.



## Thursday, July 24 -- "Hazard Awareness"

Both state and federal law requires employers to provide workplaces that are free from hazards. Hazard Awareness is the systematic identification of unsafe conditions (or behaviors) that may lead to injury or illness. This is accomplished by talking to employees, asking questions, and becoming a detective. The class will explain the Process of prioritizing hazards, and utilizing a hierarchy of control to reduce, control or eliminate them.

